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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - DECEMBER 19

1. NYT (PAGE 1) CHRISTOPHER WREN REPORTS SOVIET AGREEMENT
ON NEW GRAIN RATE SHIPPING ACCORD. ALSO ALL OTHER PAPERS.

2. NYT (PAGE 8) REUTERS FROM VIENNA SAYS SOVIET BLOC
AGREES TO STUDY NATO PLAN FOR ARMS CUTBACKS. ALSO OTHER
PAPERS.

3. NYT (PAGE 12) REPORT FROM UN SAYS MOYNIHAN ANGERS
RUSSIANS BY QUOTING SAKHAROV AND THEY WALKED OUT GA.

4. WP (PAGE 14) REPORTS SOVIET TRANSPORT PLANES WILL HAVE
LANDING RIGHTS IN BENIN, FORMERLY DAHOMEY, UNDER NEW
AGREEMENT.

" " -PAGE) JOE KRAFT'S "THE BREZHNEV TIMETABLE"

FROM MOSCOW SAYS BREZHNEV WORKING ON TIME TABLE THAT
SUITS HIM AND NOT ON ONE WHICH EXISTS MAINLY IN MINDS
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OF WESTERN ANALYSTS AND, THEREFORE, U.S. POSITION ON SALT

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NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE BASED ON NEED FOR AGREEMENT AND

NOT ON PLAYING FOR TIME.

6. WP (OP-ED PAGE) STEVE ROSENFELD'S "CROP FAILURE, POLITICAL FAILURE" BLAMES CROP FAILURE ON KEEPING IN PLACE POLITICAL STRUCTURE -- I.E. THE COLLECTIVE FARMS -- AND CONCLUDES RUSSIA MAY HAVE RIGHT TO FAIL TO EXPLOIT FULLY ITS AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES FOR SELFISH POLITICAL CONVENIENCE AND PUNISH SOVIET CITIZENS IN SO DOING BUT NO RIGHT TO HAVE COLLECTIVE FARMS TAKING FOOD OUT OF MOUTHS OF HUNGRY PEOPLE ELSEWHERE.

7. SUN (PAGE 1) CHARLES CORDDRY REPORTS U.S. ADMITS THAT, REGARDLESS OF EARLIER POSITIONS CONCERNING 1972 SALT AGREEMENT, IT IS NOT NOW OBJECTING TO RUSSIA'S REPLACEMENT OF SO-CALLED LIGHT INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES WITH LARGER, MORE DESTRUCTIVE TYPE.

8. SUN (PAGE 1) HANK TREWHITT REPORTS IN AN ANALYSIS THAT ANGOLA IS TEST OF WILL BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON AND BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

9. SUN (PAGE 2) NYT SERVICE PIECE FROM WASHINGTON SAYS PRESIDENT REPORTED TO HAVE PUT CIA FINANCIAL OPERATIONS TO WORK IN ANGOLA TWO MONTHS BEFORE FIRST SIGNIFICANT SOVIET BUILDUP.

10. WSJ (OP-ED PAGE) ROBERT BARTLEY'S "KISSINGER AND SALT TALKS" SAYS LEGALISTIC MINDS CAN QUIBBLE OVER WHETHER SOVIETS HAVE VIOLATED THE STRATEGIC ARMS TREATY, BUT THEY HAVE COME CLOSE ENOUGH TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE U.S. HAS CONTRACTED WITH SHYSTERS.

11. WSJ (PAGE 32) ROBERT KEATLEY SAYS HEALTH OF RUSSIAN ECONOMY IS DEPENDENT ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN WEST AND MORE RAINFALL TO REVIVE FARM PRODUCTION.

12. WSJ (PAGE 32) AP FROM MOSCOW SAYS SOVIET PLANER, TIKHON SOKOLOV SEES INDUSTRIAL GROWTH RATES SLOWER IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.
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13. STAR (OP-ED PAGE) CHARLIE BARTLETT'S "GENUINE DETENTE AWAITS RISE OF SOVIET FREEDOM" FROM MOSCOW SAYS WHILE SOVIETS BLAME AMERICAN PRESS, PRESS GROUPS AND BUSINESSMEN FOR THEIR FRUSTRATION OVER PACE OF DETENTE, CHIEF IMPEDIMENT IS BASIC AMERICAN DISTRUST OF CLOSED SOVIET SYSTEM ERGO: REAL DETENTE WILL GROW FROM EXPANSION OF FREEDOMS IN EAST, NOT FROM RESTRAINING

FREEDOM IN WEST. KISSINGER

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